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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from March 15 to April 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1311129 - This project involves rehabilitation of the South Pool Boat Access area at Coffeen Lake. Development includes: new two-lane extended boat ramp, new floating boat docks, new floating courtesy docks, new yard hydrants and drinking fountains, new vault toilet, resurfacing existing parking lot and maneuvering area, repair to existing structures, landscaping, etc. Project was submitted for review on 2-28-13.

Kankakee River State Park

1309391 - This project involves demolition of Sewage Treatment Plant #2, which serves Potawatomi Campground. It will be replaced with a new preengineered recirculation sand filter system. Potawatomi Campground's shower building will also be renovated inside and outside, sidewalks will be replaced, and regarding to improve stormwater drainage away from the building. Project was submitted for review on 2-4-13.

Marseilles State Fish & Wildlife Area

1311587 - This project involves fencing of the northwest corner of the site. The area will be cleared to a width to allow for access to put in the fence. The cleared strip will be maintained to provide a firebreak. Project was submitted for review on 3-26-13.

Cache River State Natural Area

1311090 - This project involves restoring/enhancing/reclaiming warm season grass units at Cache River SNA. Project was submitted for review on 3-14-13.

Illinois Beach State Park

1311542 - This project involves treating and removing four herbaceous plant species at Illinois Beach State Park, where they have become established in various locations. Hand-pulling will be used for two species, while the other two will be treated with herbicide according to standard guidelines. Project was submitted for review on 3-26-13.

Lowden-Miller State Forest

1311750 - This project involves an oak wilt sanitation and salvage harvest on 20 acres at Lowden-Miller SF. The harvest will take place during dormant season. Weed trees will be girdled or removed. Fire may be used to prepare the seed bed and to control invasives. Project was submitted for review on 3-21913.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

1312273 - This project involves use of the Hennepin Canal's north towpath for approximately 1.25 miles to move in equipment for the purpose of removing debris from in front of a railroad bridge. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-13.

Harlem Hills Nature Preserve

1310992 - This project involves installation of culverts to combat erosion from storm events. Project was submitted for review on 3-14-13.

Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area

1312323 - This project involves constructing hacking towers to be used by ospreys. Project was submitted for review on 4-11-13.

Questions and Comments
All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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